

at a later date. There are residential areas in the urbanizing fringe where sewers are needed now, and others where they will eventually be required. A more realistic approach is to use water and sewer extensions to guide urban growth and unify scattered development in those areas where a comprehensive plan indicates these services can be economically provided. Money will be saved by the local government, or the residents of fringe areas, who have to pay for replacing substandard installations, installing fire hydrants, and building sewer lines.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the complex situation and the different levels of service in the Planning Area it is recommended that one of two alternatives be followed by the municipalities:

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The first recommendation is based on the assumption that Leaksville, Draper, and Spray will continue to be independent governmental units.

- a. It is recommended that a tri-municipal agreement be made concerning service to the unincorporated fringe. The agreement should require mains of adequate size to be installed in specified locations so that they can become part of a gridiron layout. This type of agreement eliminates special extension problems which arise where several towns are in close proximity to one another. It will help avoid incorporation of one town's extensions by one of the neighboring municipalities. Based on proposals in the Development Plan the municipalities should agree on the areas in which they will provide municipal services and use these policies to guide land development in desirable directions. The areas should be those where it is indicated on the Development Plan that it is feasible to provide both water and sewers. Installation of sewer lines may follow water service, but it should follow by plan, not by expensive